Minors

Africana Studies

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The minor in Africana studies broadens students’ world perspectives by enhancing their acquaintance with and understanding of the peoples, issues of identities and institutions of Africa as well as the African Diaspora. The Africana program engages cross disciplinary approaches to understand and to encounter Africa and the African Diaspora in a global context. The cross disciplinary character of the program is further enhanced by the fact that courses taken to fulfill program requirements are drawn from several departments. From these course offerings, students will examine and engage with some of Africana studies major contributing disciplines, concepts, methods and topics including the development of new identities.

The minor program in Africana studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. Courses taken to complete the Africana studies minor can also be used to satisfy the student’s major, as well as General Education requirements.

The Africana studies minor requires:

- successful completion of 22 credit hours according to the requirements listed below.
- no more than 12 hours from a single discipline.

**Required Courses**

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Choose one or more of the following options:

Option I: Africa

- HIST 263. Introduction to African History
- ANTH 280. Peoples and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa

Option II: African Descendants in the New World

- HIST 355. Afro-American History to 1865
- HIST 356. Afro-American History Since 1865
- ANTH/HIST 436. Afro-Latin America

Choose four or more of the following courses, at least one of which must be at the 400-level.

- ANTH 391. Study Abroad (must be in Africa or in Diaspora) 
- ANTH 395. Special Topics
- ARTH 210/6HUM 252. African Experience
- ARTH 310. African Art: The Sahara and Northern Sahel
- ARTH 312. Sub-Saharan
- ARTH 418. Modern and Contemporary African Art
- ARTH 419. Topics in African Art
- ARTH 424. Arts of Ancient Egypt
- ARTH/AFST 488. African American Art
- ARTH 489. Topics in Art History
- ENG 358. Oral Literature
- ENG 361. African-American Fiction Writers
- ENG 362. African-American Poets
- ENG 412. Special Topics Seminar
- ENG 431. Studies in Caribbean Literature
- ENG 432. Studies in African Literature
- GENG 260. Survey of African-American Literature
- GEGG 335. Geography of Africa
- GEOG 339. Geography of the Caribbean
- HUM 252. Cross-Cultural Perspective: African Culture in the Humanities
- HIST 263. Introduction to African History
- HIST 307. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade
- HIST 341. Selected Topics in World History (when appropriate)

Courses taken to complete the Africana studies minor can also be used to satisfy the student’s major, as well as General Education requirements. Additional Africana studies courses may be available each semester. Students interested in taking Africana studies courses are encouraged to contact the Africana studies minor coordinator for additional courses that may be substituted.

1 Course topic and content must focus on Africa and be approved by the program director.
2 Research must have an African, African-American or Diaspora focus.
3 Course topic and content must focus on people of African descent and be approved by the program director(s).

In addition to taking these courses, students are encouraged to participate in travel or study programs to Africa, the Caribbean and other relevant areas. Students who want to earn credit hours through participation in an accredited travel/study program are encouraged to do so with the prior approval of the program director. Intermediate Swahili courses may count for credit in Africana Studies.

American Studies

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The minor in American studies is based on the desirability of fostering an understanding of the whole of American civilization through study in a variety of fields and topics. Students will select courses in three groups – multicultural studies, ideas and the arts, and history and politics – and from diverse fields including literature, history, the fine arts, philosophy and the social sciences. The American studies program is a flexible one that students can relate to their own individual interests and needs while exploring the interrelationships among diverse aspects of American culture and its changing ideas and values.

The minor program in American studies is open to all undergraduate students at JMU. The requirement is the successful completion of 24 hours. Three of the 24 hours must consist of American studies courses. American studies courses must be approved by the program director(s).

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Select two courses from any of the groups below.

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<td>HIST 470</td>
<td>Modern Africa</td>
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<td>Selected Topics in World History</td>
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<td>HIST 561</td>
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Choose two from the following courses:

- ANTH 265. People and Cultures in Latin America and the Caribbean
- ANTH 312. The Native Americans
- GENG 305. Survey of African American Literature
- HIST 320. Women in United States History

Additional American studies courses may be available each semester. Students interested in taking American studies courses are encouraged to contact the American studies minor coordinator for additional courses that may be substituted.
Ideas and the Arts
Choose two from the courses below: 6
- ARTH 480. American Art to 1870 or
- ARTH 482. American Art from 1870
- ARTH 484. Art of the Americas
- GENG 247. Survey of American Literature: From the Beginning to the Civil War or
- GENG 248. Survey of American Literature: From the Civil War to the Modern Period
- GMUS 203. Music in America
- PHIL 370. American Philosophy
- POSC 330. American Political Thought
- SMAD 372. Media History
- THEA 485. American Theatre

History and Politics
Choose two from the courses below: 6
- GIST 225. United States History
- POSC 225. U.S. Government
- HIST 310. American Business History
- POSC 369. Political Parties and Elections or
- POSC 385. The U.S. Congress
- SCOM 346. Free Speech in America

Program director may approve course substitutions, including AMST 490.

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**Asian Studies**

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The purpose of this cross disciplinary program is to broaden the students’ perspective by enhancing their understanding and appreciation of Asian culture and institutions. This program combines the offerings of several academic units, such as anthropology, art and art history, economics, English, geography, history, international business, foreign languages, political science, and religion and philosophy.

The minimum requirement for a minor in Asian studies is 18 credit hours. These 18 hours can include any of the following courses. Special topics courses not listed can be applied to the minor degree with approval of the program coordinator. A maximum of eight hours of Chinese, Japanese, Korean or Hindi language courses may be included to satisfy credit hour requirements of the minor.

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<td>ANTH 295. Peoples and Cultures of East Asia</td>
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<td>ARTH 430. Far Eastern Art</td>
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<td>CHIN 101. Elementary Chinese</td>
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<td>CHIN 300. Chinese Grammar and Communication</td>
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<td>ECON 312. Comparative Economic Systems</td>
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<td>ENG 427. Studies in South Asian Literature</td>
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<td>FL 490. Beginning Hindi</td>
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<td>GEOG 334. Geography of East and Southeast Asia</td>
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<td>GEOG 338. Geography of the Philippine Islands: Problems and Possibilities</td>
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<td>GMUS 205. Great Works – Asia</td>
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**Biochemistry and Molecular Biology**

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The biochemistry and molecular biology minor is open to students not majoring in biotechnology. The following are prerequisites for entry into the biochemistry and molecular biology minor program:

**BIO 214. Cell and Molecular Biology**
**CHEM 131-132. General Chemistry I-II**
Choose from the following:
- CHEM 131L-132L. General Chemistry Laboratories
- CHEM 135L-136L. Special General Chemistry Laboratories
- CHEM 341-342. Organic Chemistry
Choose from the following:
- CHEM 346L. Organic Chemistry Laboratory
- CHEM 387L-388L. Integrated Laboratory

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<td>Advanced Molecular Biology</td>
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<td>CHEM 331</td>
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<td>CHEM 351</td>
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**British Communication and Media**

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The cross disciplinary British communication and media minor enables students to expand their knowledge of communication and media in Great Britain, and to enhance their appreciation of the impact culture has on communication and media. Students must participate in the JMU Semester or Summer In London program to complete this minor.